

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 23, and continuing to page 28, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Example † 2, image-forming and surface treatment were performed on a sheet in an identical way to that of Example 1, except that surface treatment to form depressions and protrusions were performed using a rubber roller having surface depressions and protrusions as the depression and protrusion-forming unit wherein the difference between the height and depth of surface depressions and protrusions were of the order of 0.1 to 0.2mm and the protrusion interval was of the order of 0.1mm.

Please replace the Abstract on page 35, lines 2 to 12, with the following rewritten Abstract:

A surface treatment apparatus which can efficiently form fine depressions and protrusions on a sheet selected from an inkjet sheet, a thermosensitive recording sheet, a heat developing sheet, an electrophotographic sheet, and a silver halide photographic sheet, and an image-forming apparatus ~~comprising~~ incorporating this surface treatment apparatus, are provided. For this purpose, a surface treatment apparatus ~~comprising~~ incorporating a sheet heating unit which heats a sheet having at least a thermoplastic resin layer, and a sheet depression and protrusion-forming unit disposed on the downstream process side of the sheet heating unit which forms depressions and protrusions on the thermoplastic resin layer, is provided.